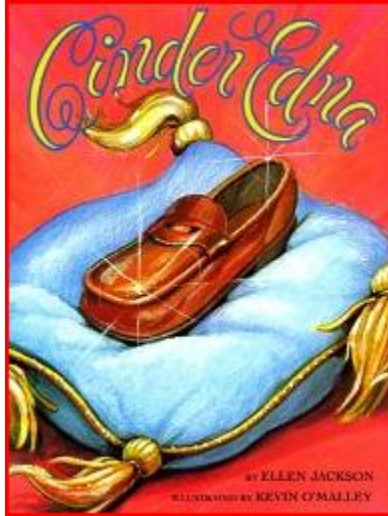


Book Reviews



Cinder Edna

By Ellen Jackson

Illustrated by Kevin O'Malley

Based on the picture of a loafer, rather than a glass slipper and the title *Cinder Edna* on the front cover of the book, the reader anticipates a twist on the classic fairytale Cinderella. This story by Ellen Jackson includes not only Cinderella, but also introduces a new character, Cinder Edna. Cinderella and Cinder Edna live in similar situations, with step-families who don't treat them properly, but they have different attitudes about life. This is a fabulous picture book with full page, colorful illustrations by Kevin O'Malley that capture the diverse personalities of the lively characters. I feel that this book is worthwhile for children to read because the plot of this modern-day, real-life adventure contrasts magic with good attitude and effort, teaching that the magic of fairytales isn't necessary for a good life. Read this book to see how each girl's approach to life affects her life.